BHEL has been facing major disruption in production due to want of orders;

(b) if so, whether any assessment has been made into the lack of orders;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the stepe being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Based on firm orders in hand, capacity utilisation in future will not be adequate. The lack of orders with BHEL is due to resource constraints with the customers. BHEL is adopting the following approach to improve the order book position:—

Greater thrust on exports (both physical and deemed) by focussing on specific potential areas. A company-wide programme to obtain ISO-9000 quality certification is being pursued.

Mopping up business from existing power stations through life extension renovation/ modernisation of old equipment.

Diversification into new synergistic growth areas where BHEL's existing infrastructure, skills and capabilities could be gainfully utilised.

Joint working with reputed companies by formulating bids with consortium arrangements for power generation both in private and public sectors.

Marketing drive to obtain balance orders of VIII and IX Plan for power generating equipment.

Retaining market leadership in existing areas by selective modernisation/upgradation of facilities and technologies.

Dereservation of Items

604. SHRI SHIVAJIRAO GIRIDHAR PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision towards dereservation of items like machine made footwear, textiles, etc; and

(b) if so, whether this would affect the SSIs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Rise in Prices of Newsprint by the Public Sector Units

605. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Sector newsprint mills have recently effected a steep-rise in the prices of newsprint;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is a fact that the newsprint mills have not yet passed on the concessions given by Government by way of abolition of Customs duty in the import of wooden pulp;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) HindJustan Newsprint Ltd. (HNL) and Tamil Nadu Newsprint & Papers Ltd. (TNPL) have increased their prices of newsprint in June, 1993 by Rs. 1000 & Rs. 500 per metric tonne respectively. The increases in their prices are reported to be mainly due to escalations in input costs during the last one year.

(d) to (f) There is no statutory control over the price of newsprint. However, newsprint mills have informed that the escalation in input costs have been much more than the concession accruing from the abolition of customs duty on the import of wood pulp. The mills have taken into account the concessions given while revising their prices.

C&AG Report on PSUs

606. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the C&AG report in the House a few months back wherein Public Sector Undertakings were

found incurring infructuous investments and expenditure to a staggering extent of Rs. 330 crores; and

(b) if so, the details of the action taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The C&AG of India's Report No. 3 of 1993 contains a para on infructuous investments or expenditures by some public sector undertakings. The PSEs and the administrative Ministries/Departments concerened look into the specific objections mentioned in the C&AG's report and take suitable remedial measures, keeping in view the losses, if any, incurred by the concerned enterprises or any disadvantageous position to which the PSUs were put, in running the enterprises on commercial lines.

Utilization of National Renewal Fund

607. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in "The Hindustan Times" dated 12-5-1993 under the caption "Entire N. R. F. Amount" highjacked by PSUs;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the National Renewal Fund was constituted last year with a view to utilize it for extending social security to the labourers engaged in the private and public sector and industrial undertakings in the country;

(c) if so, whether it is a fact that the amount allocated by the aforesaid fund in 1992-93 was spent in the public sector undertakings only; and

(d) if so, what was the total amount alongwith the amount allocated to various undertakings separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The National Renewal Fund set up in February, 1992, would cover the costs of retraining and redeployment of employees arising as a result of modernisation, technology upgradation and industrial restructuring. The National Renewal Fund will provide for compensation of employees affected by restructuring or closure of industrial units, both in the public and private sectors as also for employment generation Schemes both in the organised and unorganised sectors in order to provide a social safety net for affected workers.

(c) and (d) In the first instance, assistance from the National Renewal Fund has been provided for implementation of Voluntary Retirement Schemes of Central Public Sector Undertakings amounting to Rs. 829.66 crores in 1992-93 (Revised Estimates). This amount includes provision for interim liquidity requirements of the textile industry in the public sector as well. The details are at Statement.

STATEMENT

Allocation for funds out of NRF for implementation of Voluntary Retirement Scheme of Central Public Sector Undertakings

(Rs. in cores)

Ministry/Department	Revised Estimates 1992-93
(1)	(2)
Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals	*21.60*
Smith Stainistreet Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	1.00
Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceutical Ltd.	2.00
Bengal Immunity Ltd.	2.00
Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	15.00
Hindustan Insecticides Ltd.	1.60
Department of Fertilizers	*62.50*
Hindustan Fertilizers Corporation Ltd.	22.00
Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd.	25.00
Pyrites, Phosphates and Chemicals Ltd.	0.50
Projects and Development India Ltd.	15.00